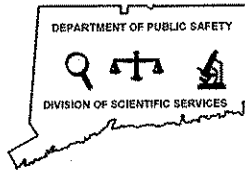




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### **SB 1009 AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL CHANGES TO TITLE 29 TO INCORPORATE THE STATE FIRE PREVENTION CODE**

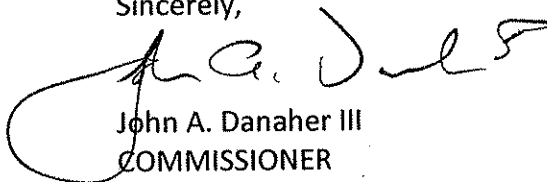
**The Department of Public Safety supports this bill.**

Since the tragic Hartford circus fire the State of Connecticut has focused on prevention in an attempt to safeguard its citizens from the hazards of fire. While the Fire Safety Code provides a single document addressing these efforts in regard to buildings and structures, the parallel issue of focusing prevention efforts on uses has resulted in the State promulgating a variety of other regulations to address specific issues. These are: the CT Fireworks and Special Effects Code, CT Explosives Code, CT Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code, CT Liquefied Petroleum Gas and Liquefied Natural Gas Code, CT Hazardous Chemical Code, CT Gas Equipment and Piping Code, CT Oil Burning Equipment Code and CT Tent and Portable Shelter Code. At the time of their adoption these codes were considered a model for the nation.

In 2004, Connecticut legislation was enacted requiring adoption of the state's first statewide fire prevention code. The stated intent of this legislation, codified in CGS section 29-291a is to enhance the enforcement capabilities of local fire marshals and for the purposes of prevention of fire and other related emergencies. In furtherance of this intent, all of the codes addressing uses that are listed above will be incorporated into the fire prevention code. This will enhance the enforcement capabilities of local fire marshals by simplifying code requirements as to uses. The local fire marshal will only have to go to one document instead of several. The fire prevention code will be coordinated with the state fire safety code and the state building code.

This legislation removes out-dated and conflicting requirements, streamlines the process for the person using the codes and will help to enhance the level of safety to all our citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Danaher III", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the bottom left.

John A. Danaher III  
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